

April 2015

“Tails” of Animal Sciences

April always brings the hope of Spring. Green grass, blue skies, warm days; Spring turnout for the cow herd, planting season, walks, and bike rides; Students and professors working hard to put the finishing touches on another semester of learning, teaching, and discovery. Busy, busy times! Last night the College of ACES hosted the Annual Funk Awards banquet. This event recognizes outstanding achievements of faculty, staff, students, and alumni. It’s always uplifting to hear how people in the College of ACES are changing lives and making a difference in society. Animal Sciences swept the research awards with Dr. Ryan Dilger winning the College Faculty Award for Excellence in Research and Dr. Sandra Rodriguez-Zas winning the Senior Faculty Award for Excellence in Research. Dr. Rod Johnson was recognized for the Team Award for Excellence. Dan Hoge (B.S and M.S. in ANSC) received the Alumni Association Award of Merit. Congratulations to these individuals, their families, and the team of supporters that help them excel in their accomplishments. A group of our dairy students also distinguished themselves last week. Dr. Phil Cardoso’s Dairy Challenge Team took second place in a National contest against 31 teams from the USA and Canada. There’s a lot of learning going on at the U of I!

Steve



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HORSE BOWL AND HIPPOLOGY

REGIONAL CONTEST

Deb Hagstrom received the note below from a Horse Bowl and Hippology Coach in the southern region. This note reflects the impact that our programs have on individuals.

Hi, Deb:

Regionals were really good this year, the new location is perfect!

I, as well as my team, would like to thank you for all the work you are putting in to help keep these programs available to the kids! I wish there was an easy way to show the growth that of us coaches can see in the children on our teams every year. The knowledge and confidence gained alone make these programs worth so much more than the ribbons they receive. It really is amazing to see the shy, quiet child blossom into a strong competitor in horse-bowl or see the excitement when the child that started competing at age of 8 finally qualify for state after working hard for 3 years!

As a former Hippology and horse-bowl competitor (20 years ago!) I can attest to the lifelong impact that the programs have. I hope to see these programs continue for many years to come.

Kelly

MC Hoofbeats

ACADEMIC QUADRATHLON COMPETITION AT MIDWEST MEETINGS

The team members representing the University of Illinois in the Academic Quadrathlon were: Buddy Haas, Carlie Kalebich, Brandi Burton and Taylor Reitveld. They beat out 5 other teams here in the department for the honor of representing at the Midwest Animal Sciences meetings in March 2015. The team practiced with Dick Cobb as they prepared for the contest in Iowa.



Taylor Reitveld, Carlie Kalebich, Brandi Burton, and Buddy Haas

DAIRY CHALLENGE TEAM PLACES 2ND PLACE

Congratulations to the Dairy Challenge Team on placing 2nd place at the North American Intercollegiate Dairy Challenge contest in Syracuse, New York! Team members are Erik Sheppelman, Alyssa Brodsky, Claire Nkhikhssi, and Samantha Ropp. The team left behind tuff competitors such as the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Michigan State University, University of Minnesota, Iowa State University, Virginia Tech, and University of New Hampshire. The mission of the Dairy Challenge contest is to develop tomorrow's dairy leaders and enhance progress of the dairy industry, by providing education, communication and networking among students, producers, and agribusiness and university personnel. It is a unique two-day competition among 32 teams representing North American universities' dairy science programs. The competition challenges those institutions to inspire their students with a high quality education - empowering them with the resources for real-world success. This challenge incorporates all facets of a working dairy business in a forum that's interactive, educational and fun. Day one begins with each four-person student team receiving information on a real-life dairy, including production and farm management data. Following an operation evaluation, teams develop a comprehensive program including recommendations for nutrition, reproduction, milking procedures, animal health, housing and financial management. Day two is a presentation day, where team members present recommendations to a panel of judges. Competition is stiff, and team members must field questions from the judges. Presentations are evaluated based on the analysis and recommendations. The evening concludes with a reception and awards banquet.



Hosted By: Rodeo Club at the University of IL

ORANGE & BLUE RODEO ROUNDUP

Saturday, May 2nd
7pm



Location: Champaign County Fairgrounds
1302 N. Coler Avenue, Urbana, IL 61801

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online ticket sales at www.eventbrite.com/orangeandbluerodeoroundup
For more Information 309/360-2544

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Sonia Moisa, a student working with Professor Loor, successfully defended and deposited her Ph. D. thesis on "Effects of weaning age and maternal nutrition on gene expression of longissimus muscle of beef steers". We wish Sonia success as she continues her postdoctoral researcher position at Kansas State University.

Congratulations Sonia!

Daniel Clark, a student that worked with Professor Anna Dilger, successfully defended and deposited his Ph. D. thesis on "Regulation of skeletal muscle growth and gene expression by insulin-like growth factors and myostatin". We wish Daniel success as he continues his postdoctoral researcher position at the Ohio State University working with Dr. Velleman in the area of muscle biology.

Congratulations Daniel!

Sarah Morrison, a student working with Professor Drackley, successfully defended her M. S. thesis on "Amino acid supplementation of calf milk replacers containing bovine plasma protein". We wish Sarah success as she pursues a Ph.D. degree with Dr. Drackley.

Congratulations Sarah!

Please join me in congratulating Halie Rando, a graduate student working with Dr. Kukekova. Halie has been awarded a 2015 National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate (NDSEG) Fellowship sponsored by the Department of Defense.

Congratulations Halie!

The following students won prizes at the Graduate Student Appreciation Lunch held on April 7, 2015

Andrew LaPierre

Malavika Adur

Alea Agrawal

Eridia Pacheco

Katie Haerr

Kyle Granger

Kelsey Caetano-Anolles received an Academic Excellence Award from the Graduate College as part of the week-long celebration of grad students.

Congratulations Kelsey!

NESHEIM AND JBT FELLOWSHIP RECIPIENTS

It is with great pleasure that I announce the recipients of 2015 departmental graduate fellowships.

Kathryn Polkoff is receiving a JBT fellowship and will be joining Dr. Wheeler's lab.

Maegan Weatherly is receiving a Nesheim fellowship and has joined Dr. Cardoso's lab.

They join our current Nesheim fellows, Kristen Glosson (Dr. Drackley's lab), Joshua McCann (Dr. Loor's lab), and our JBT fellows, Alea Agrawal (Dr. Loor's lab), Adrienne Antonson (Dr. Rod Johnson's lab), Matthew Aardsma (Dr. Parson's lab) and Jessica Hekman (Dr. Kukekova's lab).

We welcome Kathryn and Maegan to our graduate program.

Thanks
Sandra

Sandra Rodriguez Zas, Ph.D.
Professor of Statistical Genomics and Bioinformatics
Editor, Genetics Section, Animal journal

LIST OF TEACHERS RANKED AS EXCELLENT BY THEIR STUDENTS FALL 2014

Sarah Albert

Crystal Allen

Deb Hagstrom

Walter Hurley

Kevin Kline



ACADEMIC DEADLINES

Spring 2015 Academic Deadlines

April 2015

April 3

- Deadline to withdraw from the University and receive the minimum 40% pro-rata refund

April 6

- Priority registration for Summer and Fall 2015 begins

April 10

- Deadline to add GRAD POT B course via department office

April 17

- Deadline to drop UG POT B course via [Student Self-Service](#) without grade of W
- Deadline to drop GRAD POT B course via [Student Self-Service](#)
- Deadline to elect credit/no credit or change credit/no credit to regular grade basis in UG POT B course
- Deadline to file intent to use Campus Grade Replacement option in UG POT B course
- Deadline to drop GRAD POT 1 course without grade of W
- Deadline to elect credit/no credit or change credit/no credit to regular grade basis in GRAD POT 1 course
- Last day for GRAD students to withdraw from Spring 2015 semester without grade of W

April 27

- Open registration begins for Summer and Fall 2015

May 2015

May 1

- Deadline to drop GRAD POT B course without grade of W
- Deadline to elect credit/no credit or change credit/no credit to regular grade basis for GRAD POT B course

May 6

- Last day of instruction

May 7

- Reading day (no classes, no final examinations)
- Last day for GRAD to add/drop POT B course
Last day for GRAD to add/drop POT 1 course

May 8–15

- Final examination period

May 22 (noon)

- Faculty deadline for reporting grades

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